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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of : Attorney Docket No. 2006_0622A
Masahiko SEKIMOTO et al. : Confirmation No. 4763
Serial No. 10/578,100 : Group Art Unit 1792
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SUBSTRATE HOLDING APPARATUS,
SUBSTRATE HOLDING METHOD, AND
SUBSTRATE PROCESSING APPARATUS

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

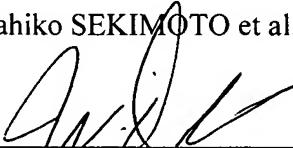
Pursuant to the requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed December 30, 2009,
Applicants hereby elect invention II, claims 11-14, 18, 20, and 21.

In view of this election, a full examination on the merits of the present application is
respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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